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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

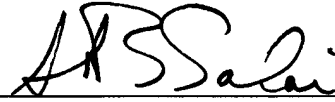
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 3, 2003 Applicant confirms the election of Claims 1-17 with traverse.

The Examiner now takes the position that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process. The Examiner suggests that in the instant case the metal layer could be disposed directly on the fabric substrate and a flame retardant coating then applied onto the metal, pointing to page 5, lines 11-16 of the Written Description. While the Examiner is correct that this method could be employed, it would not produce the claimed product. The claimed product is an improvement over the construction described on Page 5 in that, as set forth in Claim 1, there is a flame retardant coating intermediate to the conductive metal layer and the polymeric fabric substrate. The method proposed by the Examiner, disposing the metal layer directly on the fabric substrate, would not produce the claimed article.

For this reason, Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement

Respectfully submitted,

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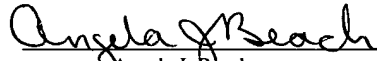
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